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1. Two ore carriers, each of 5,000 tons, ordered by the Polish Merchant Marine, are under construction at the United Shipyards in Gdansk (Danzig) and are due to be completed by November 1954.
2. The vessels are equipped with Lenz type steam engines made in Elblag (Elbing), and low expansion turbines of Bauerwach type. The engine components were delivered to the shipyard in time, but, when it came to assembling them, it was found that the engines were almost two meters too long, with the result that their weight is too great in relation to the engine beds constructed in the ship.
3. It is alleged in the shipyard that these ships are being built on the orders of the USSR and that if in exploitation they prove satisfactory the USSR will order similar vessels for herself.

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